tion of backward/rural areas. The state Government offers a package of assistance including subsidy on fixed assets, deferment of Sales Tax etc, for entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in backward areas.The small Industries Corporation of Maharashtra (SICOM) is also offering financial, technical and other assistance to entrepreneurs for establishing industries.

(b) During the 7th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 1,256.55 lakhs was released to the government of Maharashtra as central capital assistance. Another Rs. 460.90 lakhs was released to the state for centrally aided projects during the same period.

(c) Government have announced policy measures for promoting and strengthening small industries which includes, among others, a scheme of Integrated Development (including technological back-up services) of small scale industries with the active participation of State Governments and financial institutions.

[*English*]

Chemical Industry in Orissa

6700. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal of the Government of Orissa pending with the Union Government for clearance in the field of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) the time by which the proposals are proposed to be cleared;

(c) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a new chemical industry in Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). No, proposal from government of Orissa is pending for clearance in the field of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

HPT In Kutch Area of Gujarat

6701. SHRI K. THULASAIAH VANDAYAR: Will the minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken to set up a powerful TV relay centre in border areas of Kutch in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) A high power (10KW) TV transmitter (in replacement of the existing low power transmitter) with its antennae mounted on a 300 M high RCC tower is under establishment at Bhuj in Kutch district of Gujarat. The work for this project was awarded in March, 1989 but was suspended by the contractor in Nov., 1989 after a geological fault was observed during the course of excavation of foundation. Revised location for the tower has been finalised and steps have been taken to award the work to another contractor. The required transmitter equipment has been procured . As per present indications, the project is envisaged to be completed during 1994-95.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Small Scale Industries in backward areas by SC/ST

6702. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: